

## CLAIMS

I/We claim:

1. A golf putting training device, comprising:  
an elongated frame having opposite ends and sides, and defining a channel therebetween the opposite ends and sides; and  
a bridge extending between the opposite sides and located intermediate the opposite ends of the frame, and wherein the bridge defines, in part, an aperture through which a golf ball may pass.
2. A golf putting device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a height dimension which is greater than the radius of a golf ball.
3. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are hingedly mounted together, and which permits the golf putting training device to be folded for storage.
4. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are releasably coupled together to form the elongated frame, and wherein the first and second portions may be readily uncoupled from each other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.
5. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, and wherein one of the first or second portions defines an internal cavity, and wherein one of the first or second portions

telescopes internally within the internal cavity defined by the other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

6. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, each of which having a length dimension which is substantially equal.

7. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, each of which having a length dimension which is unequal.

8. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the bridge is mounted on the elongated frame at a location which is about midway between the opposite ends of the elongated frame.

9. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, and wherein the bridge is mounted on one of the first or second portions.

10. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the aperture defined by the bridge is located about midway between the opposite sides of the elongated frame.

11. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein the channel defined by the elongated frame has a width dimension as measured between the opposite sides of elongated frame, and wherein a golf putter having a club head with a heel and a toe has a length dimension as measured between the heel and toe of the club head, and wherein the width dimension of the channel is greater than the length dimension of the club head.

12. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 1, and wherein at least one of the opposite ends of the elongated frame defines, in part, a semicircular portion.

13. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 12, and wherein a resilient shock absorbing surface is mounted on the semicircular portion.

14. A golf putting training device, comprising:  
an elongated frame having opposite ends and defining a length dimension which represents a putting distance to an imaginary cup, and opposite sides which define a width dimension which is operable to receive a golf club head therebetween; and  
a bridge mounted on the elongated frame and extending between the opposite sides, and wherein the bridge is mounted intermediate the opposite ends of the frame and which defines, in part, an aperture through which a properly aligned golf ball putted by the golf club head may pass to traverse the putting distance to the imaginary cup.

15. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein each end of the elongated frame defines a semi-circular portion having a dimension which simulates in part the dimension of the cup.

16. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein elongated frame includes a first and second portion which may be positioned in a first, operable orientation, and a second inoperable orientation.

17. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are releasably coupled together to form the elongated frame, and wherein the first and second portions may be readily uncoupled from each other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

18. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion, and wherein one of the first or second portions defines an internal cavity, and wherein one of the first or second portions telescopes internally within the internal cavity defined by the other to facilitate storage of the golf putting training device.

19. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 14, and further comprising:

a flexible surface upon which the golf ball travels and which cooperates with the frame.

20. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 19, and wherein the elongated frame rests upon the flexible surface, and wherein the flexible surface has a length and width dimension at least as great as the length and width dimension of the elongated frame.

21. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 19, and wherein the flexible surface is releasably affixed to the elongated frame, and has a length and width dimension at least as great as the length and width dimension of the elongated frame.

22. A golf putting training device, comprising:  
an elongated frame having opposite ends and defining a channel which has a length and a width dimension and which is operable to receive the club head of a golf putter which has a heel and a toe, and wherein the width dimension of the channel is greater than the length dimension of the club head when measured between the heel and toe thereof, and

a bridge mounted on the elongated frame and located intermediate the opposite ends, and wherein the bridge defines in part an aperture through which a golf ball having a radius may pass when the golf ball is placed in the channel and struck by the club head of the golf putter, and wherein the aperture provides an aiming point for the golfer to facilitate the proper alignment of a putt, and wherein the passage of the golf ball through the aperture demonstrates a proper alignment of a putt, and wherein the elongated frame has a height dimension greater than the radius of the golf ball.

23. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 22, and wherein the elongated frame has a first and second portion which are hingedly mounted together, and which permits the golf putting training device to be folded for storage.

24. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 23, and wherein first and second portion each have a length dimension, and wherein these length dimensions are unequal.

25. A golf putting training device as claimed in claim 22, and wherein at least one of the opposite ends of the elongated frame defines, in part, a semicircular portion.